

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph between line 24 of page 5 and line 11 of page 6 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

One example of the latter scenario includes making a CABProcessing (Candidate Address Block Processing) function that internally deals with the incoming AOIs only as (rotated) rectangles. This one CABProcessing function can then service both letter based ABL (Address Block Location) routines which supply bounding boxes and flats based ABL routines which supply polygon representations of (rotated) rectangles. This works because the AOI Manager allows an AOI to be queried out as any of four styles (e.g, bounding box, rectangle, parallelogram, polygon), as discussed in more detail below, no matter which of the four styles originally filled the AOI. In this example, the (rotated) rectangle query of the AOI filled with a bounding box will return a zero degree rotated rectangle that overlays the bounding box. The (rotated) rectangle query of the AOI filled with the polygon returns the (rotated) rectangle that best fits the polygon (best fit is defined as the smallest (rotated) rectangle that contains all the vertices and is parallel with the polygon's Fast Direction). (See FIGS. 10a through 13e.).